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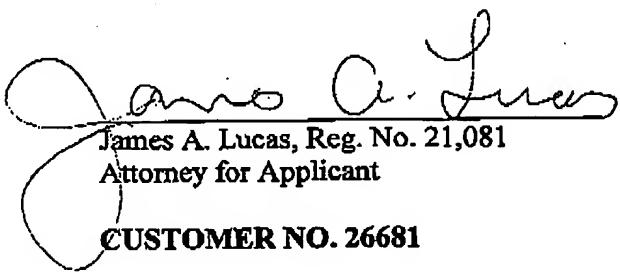
Appreciation is extended to the examiner for the recognition of allowable subject matter in claims 14-17. Independent claim 12 has now been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 14 and dependent claim 13, from which claim 14 depended. The dependency of claim 15 has been changed from canceled claim 14 to claim 12. The examiner has also indicated that independent claim 16 is allowable. Claim 18 depends from allowable claim 16 and is also believed to be allowable, although claim 18 was not specifically addressed by the examiner.

Claims 1 through 11 have been canceled without prejudice to the right of applicant to recapture the subject matter thereof in subsequent application filings.

Applicant respectfully concurs with the examiner that all of the claims now in the application are immediately allowable. Accordingly, action by the examiner consistent therewith is respectfully requested. In the event that any unresolved issues can be handled by phone or e-mail, the examiner is encouraged to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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